# Godlye priuate Praiers for Housholders to meditate vpon, and to say in their Families.

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VVhat soeuer ye desyre when ye pray, beleue that ye shall haue it and it shal be done vnto you.

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# Godly priuate prayers for Honsholders, to be layd in their Families.

## ¶ A praier containing the effect of the Honsholders Catechisme.

ALmighty God and moſt mercyful father, I ſee in thy bleſſed lawes & commaundementes the greatnes of my ſyns and wickednes: Yea, I ſee (O Lord my God) the whole courſe of my lyfe to be almoſt not⁊ tuge⁊ but a continuall breaking of thy holy lawes & commaundements. The thoughtes of my hart, eyther in vanitie, or els open wickednes, are in number infinite, dayly in the aboũdance of them, cauſing my mouth to ſpeake, & my body to execute and do contrary to thy holy wil. And againe (O Lord) I ſee thy heauy wrath, vengeaunce, & indgement againſt ſyn to be intollerable that euen the leaſt wicked thought and moſt ſecret cogitacion of my hart procureth thy heauy wrath, & euerlaſting curſe, the tormentes of hell, and euerlaſting fire, euen although I had but once in al my lyfe broke anye of thy cõmaundements, ⁊ o much as once in thought. And I know (O Lord God) that thou art true & iuſt, and canſt not abyde ſyn & wickednes, but wilt iuſtly pu[illegible]

syn, euen with the selfe same torments of hell which thy iustice hath appointed vnto for euery syn. This O Lord, my God, troubleth me downe, it euen exhaleth me, so that I know not what to do. I looke into my selfe, beeing mine owne power, wherby I am able to ouercome this punishment of my syn or no: and I see that all euen the most exquisite punishment which I can deuise to my selfe in whypping of my body, as long as I liue, wearing hearcloth, pining my selfe to fasting, or any other paine, I see, (O Lord) that all this punishment is not sufficient for one of my least sins, because it deserueth euen the euerlasting paines of hell. I looke to heauen, I see there is no Angel able to abide & ouercome this punishment of syn: I looke to men in this world, euen to the Popes treasure, that should ease me of syn, and I see that neither his Pardons, Purgatory, Pilgrimage, pardons, prayers, satisfactions, nor any of such like deuise, alas I see they are nothing for the satisfying for one of my least sins as aforesaid, being the punishment is by the iust sentence, thy euerlasting curse. Wherefore I am driuen out from my selfe, & all that I can do, to saue this punishment of me, is either wher, or els to quail vnder the burden

With there is no helpe for me in Angels,
Saints, nor mortall men, but onely in that
perfect man Christ Iesus thy deare sonne,
in whō I see the full punishment of my sin
whole paid, satisfied, discharged, and ouer-
come: Death punished, the paines of hell
vtterly swallowed vp, the curse satisfied,
& the eternity of the punishment through
his euerlasting power ouerreached. In his
Iesu (O Lord) by the eies of faith, being tho-
roughly by the Spirit fully assured, that all the
sinnes, transgressions, & sins, past by my fault,
present, & to come, are vtterly paid for, & for-
given, & my sin. This assu-
rance of my sanctifying thy mercy worke in
me, that therein is mercy to strengthen &
comfort me. Make it often fruitfull in bring-
ing forth. Grant that I may daily
more and more, to my soule and conscience,
how I am grafted into the body of
thy sonne Iesus Christ, I may be assured, that
as he liueth, so I liue, partaker of his
and his fulnesse and holy vnction. I may
through the power of his death, daily
mortifie sinne, and through the power of his
resurrection, daily more rise in newnesse, to
bring my full fruit in those things
which be agreeable to thy holy will, vtterly
detesting, hating, & abhorring from my hart

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things of this world, [illegible]
not but that good time [illegible]
to raigne in thy euerlasting [illegible]
glory, through raisyng [illegible]
our Iesus Christ for [illegible]

A praier vpon the Lordes prayer.

O Most mighty [illegible]
hast by thy dearest [illegible]
Lord and Sauiour, [illegible]
althings in heauen [illegible]
made an euerlasting [illegible]
with vs thy faithful [illegible]
not onely be our God, [illegible]
uing & mercifull Father, [illegible]
thou hast geuen vs thy [illegible]
tion, whereby we may [illegible]
trust & boldnesse to [illegible]
as vnto our most [illegible]
being [illegible]
thing which [illegible]
for vs. Graunt [illegible]
that we being fully [illegible]
of this thy fatherly [illegible]
vs, may be stirred [illegible]
with such an affection, [illegible]

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reverence to thy Majestie, & our minds be
[illegible] away from thoughts creeping in,
[illegible] may be fully bent
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[illegible] and just petitions.

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[illegible] these dear Fathers & from
[illegible] our hearts with thy holy Spi-
rit, that [illegible] best made strangers
for the glory of thy name; so we may in all
our doings, enterprises, counsels & purpo-
ses, chiefly above all things seeke thy glory,
by [illegible] to acknowledge thee not only
[illegible] but the rules, guider-
[illegible] all things, both in heaven and
[illegible] strength thine bene-
[illegible] by attributing both one
[illegible] strength, or ability to us;
[illegible] which is good for that
[illegible] acknowledge all our
[illegible] & to the
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thy holy will in al pointes, that thy glorious name in vs may be sanctified, & that we be not an occasion ỳ thy holy name be blaspheamed through our wicked life & conuersatiõ.

2 Let thy kingdome (most mercifull father) appeare, & manifestly be declared in all the world, but especially amongst thy Church & faithfull flocke: Declare thy selfe Lord and King ouer them ruling them by the scepter of thy holy word, & force of thy holy spirite. Encrease the number of faithfull pastours & Preachers amongst the people: Blesse their labours to the encrease of this kingdome of thy deare sonne Iesus Christ, and to the destruction of the kingdome of Sathan and Antichrist. Suppresse the rage of the enemies, that they may know that thou O Lord onely raigne in al ages, to ỳ behoofe of thy Church and terrour of thine enemies. Graunt these mercies good Lord, not onelye to the whole Church in generall, but especially vnto euery one of vs thy Christen particularly: graunt that we may effectually feele ỳ force of this thy kingdome in our hartes. Beate downe in vs our old corrupt Adam, with all sinful delightes thoughtes, motions, and desires: and renue in vs day by day our spirituall & inward man, that we may be wholy bent to delight, thinke, desire, and doo those thinges which

which be acceptable in the sight.

Frame our hartes (good Lord) with such humble obedience to thy holy wyll, that we may be hartely well content wt whatsoeuer it pleaseth thy goodnes to lay vpon vs: yt we neuer cease in our miseries, but continually cal vpon thee by harty prayers, although we feele no release at all, yet styll pacyently we may abide, & quietly waite for thy good leysure & appointed time of deliuerance, when thou knowest it shalbe most expedient for vs.

Graunt vs deare father, that all our counsels, studies, labours & endeuours, being by thy holy spirit guyded and framed, we may know one iuste vocation in which thou hast placed vs, to faithfully trauaile, to the discharging of our consciences, and edifying of thy Church, that our accompt may be found acceptable before thy throne and iudgemẽt seate. So bestow our labours & trauailes, that we may haue sufficient for the preseruing of this present lyfe, & be content with those benefits which thou shalt bestow vpõ vs, whether they be many or few, acknowledging them to be receiued of thee: not greedely to reserue for the, or vainly to delight in thẽ, but thankfully esteeme of them, as thy benefits bestowed vpon vs, & as faithful Stewardes moderately vse them, to the relefe of our brethren,

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brethren, & the discharge of our consciences.

Encrease in vs (good Lord) the gift of faith: that we may dayly more and more in our soules and consciences bee assured, that our synns be defaced, cleane blotted out and couered with the full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice of thy deare Sonne Christ Iesu our Lord and sauiour once made for vs: that we are vnited, knit, & made one body with him, partakers of his righteousnes, iustification and holines, & euen fellow heires with him of euerlasting life: that we may vnfainedly frō the bottom of our harts loue thee for thine vnspeakeable goodnes and mercy towards vs, & that our brethren (who haue offended vs) pray for them, loue, cherish and comfort them as fellow members all of one body, vñ perfect natural loue and compassion linked together to our head Christ Iesus.

Strengthen vs good Lorde, with thy holy spirit, that we be not ouercome in the fyrie tentations of the Deuil: Hold vs vp with thy mercyfull hand that we slepe not in sin, that we be not drawen away with the wicked worlde, nor the enticements of the flesh, to delyte in wickednes, but so arme vs with thy mighty power, that we may strongly abyde all the assaultes and subtil sleightes of our ghostly enemy,

enemy, & sincerely to walke before thy face, but de
both in prosperity and aduersitie, to thy ho-
nour and glory, the health of our soules, and
profite of thy Church, through Iesus Christ uers
our only Lord and Sauiour. Amen. frō, euy

¶ The Lordes praier more at large,

O Most mighty and eternall God, who of Our
thine infinite loue to mankind hast ge-
uen thine onely begotten sonne Christ Ie- Father
sus our Lord, to be made man for vs, in the
similitude of sinfull flesh, to become flesh of which
our flesh, bone of our bones, in all things like art in
vnto vs, sinne only excepted: Who being thy heaue
true and naturall sonne, hath made vs with
him, sonnes, children, and heires to thee our
most louing father, geuing vnto vs by
grace, that which is his by nature. Thus by
his death alone hast thou prouided sufficient sacrifice
for our sinnes, and made a full reconcilement for
the sinnes of the whole world. Therefore, O
heauenly father, to satisfie thy iustice vpō
our sinfull flesh, whereof being payd for vs,
hast also mercifully vouchsafed to receiue vs
into thy fauour, to the end that we may
now with boldnes & truth come to
thee as vnto our most mercyfull and louing
father, we beseech thee, that as thy loue is so
much greater then the most excellent towards vs,
euen as the loue of earthly parents towardes
their children, as thou passest all mens good-

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nes & mercy, so thou wilt deny vs nothing which shall be expedient for vs. So that although all the fathers which are in earth, hauing shaken of all feeling of fatherly naturalnes, would forsake their children, yet thou wouldest neuer forsake vs, because ỹ canst not deny thy selfe, who promisest, ỹ if earthly fathers being euil, can giue good gifts to their childrẽ, how much more wilt thou our heauenly father, being altogether goodnes it selfe, geue good things to them that aske in thy sonnes name? And that although a mother should forsake her childe, yet wilt thou not forsake vs thy children, whom thou hast before ỹ beginning of the world in thy deare sonne Iesu Christ, chosen to be thy children & heires with him of thine immortal kingdome. Wherefor ỹ we in our selues might be sure and certaine, and out of all doubt that we are the childe and heires of euerlasting lyfe, thou hast geuen into our harts thy holy spirit, as a true pledge & earnest of our inheritance, which spirit doth assure our spirits that we are thy children, & therefore cryeth in our hartes Abba father.

We therefore as thy deare children, cleansed & bought by thy deare sonne, flee to thee our most louing & mercifull father, who is goodnes it selfe, in mercy abounda-

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in substance incomprehensible, in immortalitie everlasting: who by thy mighty power & singuler prouidence rulest all things, according to thy heauenly wisedome: Beseeching thee for thy deare sõne Christ Iesus his sake that as thou hast sufficiently set forth thy glorious name in making the whole world, heauen, earth, & all things therin conteined: so we may in belonging & bewing thy creatures the workes of thine handes, be lyfted vp to thee our Lord God the Creatour & maker, and in them glorifie thy holy name, acknowledging in them thy singuler goodnes & loue towards man, for whose vse thou hast created all things, both in heauen and earth: And that we may for the same, euen frõ the bottom of our harts yeld due honor, praise & thanks geuing to thee deare Father, all the dayes of our life. Graunt most mercifull father, that we may in hart & minde be fully assured that thou by thy heauenly prouidence rulest & guidest all things in heauen & earth, so that nothing in the whole world cõmeth to passe, but according to thine appointment, that thou guidest & framest the affaires and doinges of men, that thou hast euen their harts and all their powers in thy mercifull hand, to turne them which way soeuer it seemeth best to thy goodly wisedome: so y whe-

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ther we be in prosperitye or aduersitye, we may acknowledge both of the to be thy worke in vs, & therfore be no lesse thankful for sickenes, then for healthe: for sorowe, then for comfort: for a troubled minde, then for a quiet: for imprisonment & banishment, then for libertie, especially seing we knowe that thou turnest them al (seme they neuer so sharpe) to the comfort and cõmodity of thy children which feare thee. And that in all things, which shal befal vnto vs, whether they be grieuous or ioyous, prosperitie or aduersitie, life or death, thy holy name may be sanctified in vs by yeloing due & continual praise & thankesgeuing to thy eternal Maiestie: that we neuer cease to put our ful trust & cõfidence in thy mercy, who hast promised to be our defender buckler and shield, to keepe vs as the apple of thine eye, to deliuer vs whe we cal vpon thee, to open when we knocke, to geue when we aske: that we knowing our owne weakenes, y of our selues we haue no power or strength to do, no not so much as to will that which is good, we may acknowledge al our strength, comfort, ioy, faith, loue, hope, & confidence to be thy only gift & worke in vs. And for the same, & the encrease of the same & for al thy benefits in vs, wherof we feele our selues destitute, we may constantly flee

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vnto thee by harty prayer, requiring ȳ same at thy merciful hand. And hauing felt thy merciful dealing towardes vs, we may alway to thy end of our life continue thankful to thy blessed name: ȳ we neuer speake nor think of thee O Lord god, without the reuerence & an obedient feare vnto thy glorious name

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And ȳ thy kingdome O Lord, may more gloriously shine amongest men, subdue the harts of ȳ people to be obedient to thy word Lighten al nations with thy glorious Gospel, rayse vp faithful Ministers of thy word abundantly in euery place, who with pure & perfect zeale in true knowledge may feede the hungry soules w the food of life. Lighten the harts of thy children, whom yet thou hast not called to the feeling of thy mercies in thy sonne reuealed. Beate downe ȳ fury and rage of the kingdome of Satan & Antichrist with all tyrantes, who shew their vtter malice and fury against thy dear & faithful flocke. Confound their deuises suppresse their pride, and so strengthe al thy true and faythful seruauntes against their rage, that they may haue true welcome to confounde their enemies, & stedfast constancy to professe the truth of thy glorious Gospel, euē to the death. And that euery one of vs may feele the force of this thy kingdome particularly

vn our selues, we beseech thee kyl in vs thy holy spirit al wicked delites of syn, & vanities of this world. Mortify in vs our earthly and carnal affections, & graunt that we may haue our ful delite & pleasure in thee our heauenly father, & in thy sonne Christ Iesu our Lord and sauiour, & reuerently embrase thy holy word, that our soules may be comforted therin, & our faith ther by cõfirmed. Lighten our vnderstanding, that we may in thy holy word learn, & in part be fully assured that thou art our most merciful father, and thy deare sonne our Lord and sauiour. Beate downe in vs al synful motions of the aduersary, which do rebell against thy holy spirit, and settle and frame our minds by thy holy spirit in vs, that al rebellion in our flesh being killed, we may quietly & stated minds & consciences set her ful ioy, comfort & consolation in heauenly thinges, walking before thee in sincerity of minde, put our ful trust & cõfidence in thee, rest, & quiet our selues who ly in thy mighty protection and prouidence.

And forasmuch (O Lord God) as of our selues we be nothing but stubbernes & rebellion, we beseech thee deare father, that as thine Angels in heauen do willingly obey thy wyl without resistance, so we thy children in earth, al stubbernes & peruersnes

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by thy holy spirit in vs being vtterly extinguished, we offer vnto thee, (O Lord) our selues, our soules, our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and liuely sacrifice vnto thee, desiring and vowing vnfeinedly hereafter to loue and serue thee in righteousnes and holines of life all the dayes of our life. And forasmuch as we are not able to do any thing that is good without thee, we beseech thee to assist vs with the grace of thy holy spirit, that we may walke in the same commandements which thou hast geuen vs in our Lord Iesus Christ, and that we may bring forth such fruits of the spirit as thou hast commanded vs to bring forth in our callings. Graunt also that we may so passe the time of this mortall life, that we lose not the life which is immortall and euerlasting, but may euermore liue with thee in the glorious resurrection of the iust, through the merits of our Lord Iesus Christ, to whom with thee and the holy ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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## A prayer for the Morning.

O Almighty God, and most mercifull father, we miserable sinners doe humbly confesse vnto thee, that we are by nature conceiued and borne in sinne, and that we are prone and ready of our selues to transgresse thy holy lawes and commandements, and that we are vtterly vnable to stand before thy iudgement seate, vnlesse we be relieued and succoured by thy mercy. Wherefore we beseech thee, O Lord, to haue mercy vpon vs, and to forgiue vs our sinnes, and to graunt vs thy grace, that we may hereafter serue and please thee in newnes of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A prayer for the Euening.

O Lord God, we beseech thee to graunt vs thy grace, that we may alwayes be ready to render vp our accounts vnto thee, when it shall please thee to call vs out of this life, and that we may not be cast away from thy presence, nor be depriued of the life euerlasting, which thou hast promised to all those that truly repent and beleeue in thy name. Grant this, O heauenly father, for Iesus Christ his sake our Lord and only Sauiour. Amen.

## A prayer for the Morning.

O Lord God, the father of our Lord Iesus Christ, we giue thee most humble thanks, that thou hast preserued vs this night past from all the assaults of our ghostly enemie, and from all euill and mischiefe, and from all danger of body and soule, and from all perils and dangers of this night, for the loue of thy only sonne our Lord Iesus Christ. And we beseech thee, O heauenly father, so to preserue vs this day, that we fall not into sinne, neither run into any kinde of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy gouernance, to do alwayes that is righteous in thy sight, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ctantly abyde whatsoeuer it shall please thee to lay vpon vs: that we be assured in our hartes, that thou wilt neuer lay more vnto vs, then thou wilt giue vs strength to beare, & euen in our greatest afflictions wilt finde a way for our deliuerance, that thy power & strength is more fully declared, when we feele our selues vtterly voyd of al strength, & see no way of deliuerance. That we may in our most greeuous assaults, conflictes, & anguish of minde, submit our selues wholy to thy blessed will, & loke for our deliuerance at thy hand, when thou knowest it shalbe most expedient for vs, & most for thy glory, leauing the tyme and meanes of deliuerance to thy good wyl and pleasure, & that in the meane tyme we neuer cease but call vpon thee by hartly prayers continually as thou hast commaunded, vntyl such time as thou shalt heare our petitions. And although after many & sundry callings vpon thee, thou seme not to regard vs, but rather deale more extremely with vs: yet notwithstanding strengthen vs so with perseueraunce in prayer, that we faynt not but stil continue in prayer, being assured that although we feele our selues nothing released, yet we may quiet our selues herein, that we as thy children haue layd our complaintes, grieles and sorowes in the bosome

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of thie our heauenly Father, who wyll as a louing father, when he seeth it most conuenient, helpe vs: And ỹ although thou seeme nothing to graunt our requestes, yet we honour thee in calling vpon thy name, seyng thou doest accept it as a moste chiefe honour, to be called vpon in the day of trouble.

And forasmuch (deare father) as ỹ doest by thy mighty power, nourish, feede, sustaine preserue & maintaine all lyuing creatures, yea euen the very yong foules and beastes, we beseech thee to tend vnto vs thy children, ouer whom thou hast a more special care, al thinges necessary for this our present lyfe, ỹ we hauing sufficiencie, may walke euery one, in his calling, in sincerity & pure holynes before thy face, acknowledging al our benefits of riches, wealth, health, meate, drinke, apparel, & al our substance to be thy mere gifts bestowed vpon vs, & deliuered vnto vs from thy hands: that we be not drawen from thee through setting our mindes to much vpon them, but so moderately vse them, as thy benefites for a time bestowed vpon vs, knowing that thou wilt at our handes require an accompt how we haue vsed them. That we do not carefully gape or seeke after them, but discretely to thy glory vse them, acknowledging in the thy goodnes & liberality towards

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vs And seing (most mercyful father) that it is not our trauaile, labour, paines, study, or endeuour which is able to get vs our liuing but onely in so much as it pleaseth thy goodnes to blesse & prosper them: we beseech thee that if through our great trauaile & paines we be yet styl in poore & meane estate, that thou wylt geue vs a contented hart, knowing that therby thou kepest vs vnderstanding that it is thy good wyl & pleasure so to kepe vs vnder, y we more effectually may geue our selues to serue thee. Or if it be thy wyll and pleasure more abounduntly to blesse vs and our trauail, to send vs abundance of all thinges, we beseech thee (deare father) geue vs a thankful hart to acknowledge them to be thy good gyftes: & frame our harts wt such liberality, that we may be contented to distribute them according to the necessitie of thy children, being assured that thou hast to that end made vs stewards ouer them, that thou mayest at his handes require much, on whom thou hast bestowed much: so that we hauing the due estimation of thy benefites, which we ought to haue, may both reuerence thy goodnes in thy benefites, and supply the want of our brethren, to the relefe of their necessity, and furtherance of thy glory.

And wheras (most mercyfull Father) thy

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sonne, our Lord and sauiour Christ Iesus
hath in our nature payd the raunsome and
debt of al our synns, which we haue from the
beginning of our lyfe cõmitted, and do dayly
cõmit, we beseech thy gracious goodnes that
thou wilt by thy holy spirit in our hart, as-
sure our soule and conscience with a liuely
faith, ỳ by that same one alone sufficient sa-
crifice, the punishment of our synns is payd,
thy wrath appeased, & thy iustice satisfied,
wherby our consciences may be quieted and
set at peace with thee our merciful father &
God. Let vs deare father feele in our soules
and consciences, that we are vnited and knit
to thy deare sonne Iesus Christ, & made one
body with him, & heires with him of euerla-
sting glory, so coupled and ioyned with him
that we are members of his body, so ỳ what
soeuer he hath done in his body, we may be
assured ỳ it is ours: that his righteousnes
is our righteousnes, his sanctification & ho-
lynes is ours, the curse, condemnation and
death which he suffered, is the same curse,
condemnation, & death due for our synnes.
That we knowing that our synns be done a
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tom of our harts for this thine vnspeakable loue. And considering that thou hast in mercy pardoned so many our hainous offences, we may gladly be moued to forgiue one another their offences, & put out of our harts all rancour, malice, and hatred toward our brethren, knowing that we are al members of one body christ our sauiour, that so surely as we haue forgeuen all them that offende against vs, we may be so certainly assured, that thou our merciful father hast forgeuen vs, lyke as we haue forgeuen our brethren.

6 And forasmuch most heauenly Father, as we of our selues be feble, fraile, and weake and haue a strong and subtil aduersary Satan the deuil, who goeth about continually like a roaring Lion seking whom he may deuour: we beseech thee strengthen vs by thy holy spirit, that we may withstand his subtil suggestions & motions: Hold thou vs by thy mercyful hand, and keepe vs alwaies in thy safegard and protection, that we be not ouercome in ỹ mighty assaults of our aduersary. And forasmuch as be often vseth euen our own flesh armed against vs, to conquer vs, we beseech thee deare father, mortify, subdue & kylin our flesh all subtil suggestions, and synful motions of Satan, that we yelde not our selues as slaues therunto, but continually

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mually fight against them, to bring the into subiection of the spirit. Graūt vnto vs, deare father, that we be not drawne through the subtilty and slyly inuentes of Satan, to haue our delite & pleasure in the vanities of this present world, but by thy grace, might & power, may so in the prosperity of this lyfe be vpholden, that our minders with ful ioy & comfort may be lifted vp to our perfect consolatiō in our Lord & sauiour Christ, and in him take our ful and perfect ioy and consolation; so that no vaine delight of thys world pul vs from the same, neither any sharp aduersitie, as pouertie, miserye, or captiuitie, through the malice of the deuil, driue vs to dispair of thy mercyful godnes towards vs but alwayes being through thy grace & assistance defended, we may be fully & perfectly armed against all the subtyl intrappings of Satan, & rest wholy in thy mercyful defence and ayde. For thou hast (O Lord & eternall God) in thy gouernment, all things in heauē and earth, al power & dominion ouer al creatures, Angels & Deuils, to rule them according to thy good pleasure & wyl, to the profit and cōmoditie of thy Church, & euery faithful member therof, and to thine own incomprehensible glory: that in all things, in all ages for euer & euer thy glorious name may

be exalted: and thy faithfull flocke edified thorow Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A confession of synnes with faith and repentaunce.

O Mercyfull and heauenly father, we thy seruants do humbly prostrat our selues before thy Maiesty, acknowledging here in thy sight our hainous offences committed against thy Maiesty, seeing & beholding thy heauy wrath against them: We feele our selues laden (O Lord our God) with a huge company of horrible syns, whereof euen the very least, being but conceiued in thought, is sufficient in iudgement to throw vs downe to the euerlasting burning lake. Our owne consciences (O Lord) do beare witnes against vs, of our manifold transgressions of thy blessed law, of our securitie & senceles blindnes running headlong to destruction, committing syn after syn, although not notorious to the world, yet horrible before thine eye. The thoughts of our harts rise vp in iudgement against vs: the vanity of our talke before thy maiesty condemneth vs: the wickednes of our deedes from thy sight reiecteth vs: all our wicked thoughts, words & deedes, with the inward corruption of our nature, do altogether as it were a whole lumpe and lode of

syn, lye heauy vpon vs, and with their intollerable waight do euen presse vs downe to hel. We do dayly grone vnder the burthē of them, inwardly lamenting our own folly so grædely running into them. In heauen, earth, or hel, we fæ none able to sustain the weight of them, but euen thy dearly beloued sonne Jesus Christ, who in mercy infinite, & compassion endles, hath satisfied and ouercome that endles punishmēt due vnto them, in him therfore in him, most mercifull father and through him we come vnto thæ, being fully assured according to thy promise, that thou wilt accept & take that full recompence which he thy deare sonne hath made for vs, as a iust raunsome for al the syns of al those who wt a true faith take hold on him. In him therfore we fæ thine anger towards vs appeased, thy wrath satisfied, & our debts paid.

Encrease in vs good Lord, we beseech thee, this liuely & fæling faith, for we fæle it often times in vs very weake, and troubled with many doubts: encrease it in vs (O Lord) y we may through thy holy spirit be assured, that the punishment of our syns is fully in thy sonne discharged. Make vs O Lord our God, to fæle this saue in our soules and consciences, that Jesus Christ is ours. & al that he hath done: that we are grafted into hys

body,

body and made one with him, and therefore fellow heires with him of euerlasting lyfe. Let vs not onely haue these wordes in our mouthes (good Lord) but through the holy spirit let vs fele the comfort of them in our harts fully sealed & setled in vs, that we feling our selues inwardly before thy iudgement seate discharged, & our consciences towards thee appeased, may be inwardlyed vp with an vnfained loue toward thy heauenly Maiesty, and towards our brethren for thy sake. Make syn to dye in vs dayly more and more, that we may hate, detest, & vtterly abhorre all syn and wickednes in all men, but especially in our selues: that we may stronglye through thy holy spirite set our selues in open war & defiance against al syn and wickednes: that we please not our selues in our syns, but straightly examinyng syn by the iust rule of thy holy lawes, we may vtterly from the bottom of our hart condemne euen the least sin in our selues, hauing our inwardly, comfort & consolation vpō those things which be agreeable to thy blessed will, alwaies being afraid to do any thing contrary to the same: That we may euen from ỳ bottom of our harts examine & try our thoughts before thy presence, that they be vpright and vnfained, not hipocritical in outward shew

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onely and appearance, but that euen al cor-
ners of our harts being opened and disclosed
before thee, we may euen as though it were
openly before the face of the whole worlde
bring them in shew, knowing that a double
hart is detestable in thine eyes: & that we
may walk alwaies as before thine eyes, not
onely before the eyes of man, being more
carful to walk circumspectly, in this respect
that we haue thee to be a beiwer of our do-
inges, a thousandfold more then the eyes of
man: that thus we may walke as becōmeth
thy children not onely in outward shew but
also in sincerity of hart, abhorring euen the
least sin in our selues, striuing, resisting and
fighting against sin, not delisting our selues
in syn, nor nourishing ỳ same in our brest, but
earnestly embracing, & studiously seking af-
ter those things which be pleasant in thine
eyes: that neither ỳ feare of mā, nor losse of
goods, life, lands, possessions or friends draw
vs away frō thee, to do any least thing cōtra
ry to thy will & pleasure: neither the fauor or
frendship of man, nor yet the flattering en-
tisements of this world, nor the vaine pro-
motions of the same do moue vs any whit
from the true & endles ioy, delight and plea
sure which we ought to haue in those thing
which be agreable to thy will, & the constant

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performance of the same: but ꝙ alwaies to the end of our lyfe we may continue in thy pathes growing & increasing from faythe to faith, from strength to strēgth, tyl at length we shal come to thy euerlasting rest. Amen

## A praier for the estate of the whole Church.

O Lord our God and heauenly father, for asmuch as by thy holy word we are cōmaūded in our praier not onely to be mindfull of our selues, but also of al others thy children, yea euen of our enemies: we commend vnto thy Maiesty al thy whole true & catholike Church, & euery member thereof that as it hath pleased thy goodnes by the bright beames of thy holy word, to shine ouer the whole world, whereby thou hast expelled, driuen away, & caused to vanish the darke & misty cloudes of ignorance and superstition, so thou wouldst vouchsafe by thy holy spirit to touch the hartes of men, ꝙ they may ioyfully embrace ꝙ thine so hie a treasure sent amongst vs, that through our vnthankfulnes we prouoke not thy Maiesty in anger to take it from vs. Crush, bruse, & destroy with the breath of thy mouth, ꝙ mighty power of that man of syn, which so proudly exalteth himselfe aboue all ꝙ is called God. Let not thy simple flocke neare Father in whose

whose consciences he of long time hath and yet doth syt as God, be any longer poysoned with his sweete entising poysons, but so lighten their harts, that they may perceiue his suglynges, and embrase the swæte and comfortable doctrine of lyfe euerlasting, reuealed in thy glorious Gospell.

And for asmuch as it hath pleased thee in mercy aboue al nations of ỳ earth, to poure downe the sweete showres of thy heauenly graces vpon this our English nation aboũdantly, in more plentiful wise watering the same with the gifts of thy holy spirit, in promoting thy Gospell, & ouerthrowing idolatry: we beseech thee continue thy fauour toward the same, and vtterly roote out al remnantes, reliques & monuments of idolatry, ỳ thy glorious name may be throughly erated in sincere, pure, and holy worship. And as thou hast in mercy from amongest vs in this thy Church, vtterly banished all false, penemous & poysonful doctrine, wherewith the soules of thy Children heretofore haue bene wounded to death, and in place therof hast placed the true & comfortable doctrine of lyfe euerlasting, wherewith the soules of thy children be fed & norished to euerlasting ioy: so in lyke mercy and fauour we beseech thee deare father, establish in the same thy

Church

Church, a true, perfect, and sincere regiment therof, according to the prescript rule of thy blessed word, all fantasies of mans braine, & dreames of humaine policie vtterly abolished: that thy glorious Maiestie onely may be exalted in the light of thy glorious Gospell. And that thy Church may flourish & encrease, being through thy protection ayded, supported, maintained and defended: we beseech thee by thy holy spirit, guide & rule euery part & member therof, especially thy seruant Elizabeth our Queene, whom thy gracious fauour and mercifull prouidence hath appointed a chiefe member in the same: vnder whose wings next vnto thy protection it hath a chiefe succour and support. Graunt vnto her O Lord, a pure and perfect zeale, aboue all things to promote thy glory: first and chiefly in labouring and endeuoring of her selfe earnestly in wiping away and purging out of thy Church all blots & deformities, to reduce the same to a pure & sincere forme of worship, agreeing to thy blessed word, vtterly to remoue all stumbling blocks which may & hinder the course of thy Gospel. Giue her in like maner O Lord, the spirit of wisedome, discretion, and gouernment, that with equitie & iustice she may rule this whole Realme, which thou hast committed to her charge,

charge, peaceably & quietly gouerned: that she may studiously labour, ỹ as well through the whole Realme vertue be exalted, & vice abandoned, as especially in her own house & court, that al wicked vanities of this world al licentious and inordinat life, al flattering and dissimulatiõ being vtterly banished, the feare of thy glorious Maiesty may soraigne in the harts of all wͭ in her palace and court, that their liues & conuersation may be agreable to thy blessed wyl, in sinceritie and true holines and integrity of life, that from them as from the head may shine purity of lyfe & conuersation, as an example and paterne of true godlynes to the whole Realme. Preserue her we beseech thee good Lord, from all conspiracies and treasons, that if it be thy good wyl she may haue a long & quiet raigne ouer vs, to thy benefit of thy church, and the aduãncement of thy glory. Inuade the whole Counsel good Lord, wͭ true and perfect wisedome, that in al their consultatiõs and communicatiõs, hauing thee present before their eyes they may consult of those things which principally and chiefly may be for the aduancement of thy glory, and the commodity of thy church, & namely for the quiet peace and gracious gouernment of this realme. So lighten all inferiour Magistrates of this Realme,

good Lord, with the brightnes of thy holy spirit, that vnderstanding thy will, they may zealously defend, maintaine and further the course of the Gospel with y sword of iustice cut of the wicked, and cherish the godly.

Defend and gouerne by thy holy spirit the Pastors of thy Church, and labourers in thy vineyard, that they may zealously, earnestly and diligently feed thy flock cõmitted vnto them, with the foode of lyfe thy blessed word wherewith their soules may be nourished to life euerlasting. Encrease the number of them deare father, place ouer euery flock a godly, learned and painfull Pastor, who may painfully and carefully trauell euery one in his charge, to bring thy people (which now alas in most parts do wander astray like lost sheepe) to the true knowledge of the their Lord and God, and of thy deare Sonne christ Jesu their Sauiour. And for thy mercy we beseech thee take pity vpon thy poore and simple flocke, roote out all rauening wolues, which haue craftely crept into thy sheepfold & do make hauock of the soules of thy simple flocke. Cast out all hirelings, time seruers, and dum dogs, which do fil their bellies onely, haue thrust themselues among thy sheepe and do pitifully suffer the flock of Christ thy Sonne, to be deuoured and scattered of the

Wolfe,

Wolfe. Stirre vp good Lord, and place in their roumes faithfull shepherds, which diligently, painfully, carefully & earnestly may labour in thy vineyard, seeke to wynne the soules of thy people out of the tyranny and power of Satan, to the freedom of thy deare Sonne Christ Iesu our Lord.

And that thy Church may better be furnished with godly learned Pastors, we beseech thee prosper and increase in all godly knowledge, al Schooles of learning, especially the two Vniuersities Cambridge and Oxford: Graunt deare father, vnto al the Students of the same, that the chiefe ende of all their studies maye bee to the furtherance of thy Church, and maintenaunce of the common wealth. Blesse their studies deare Father, that all vaine studies set aside, they may so studie and profit in al profitable and godly sciences, that hereafter they may become profitable members in thy Church, and godly vpholders of the common wealth.

Graunt good Lord, to al the whole cõmons of this Realme, that their hartes being touches with a sincere feare & reuerence of thy heauenly Maiesty, acknowledging thy mercy in placing ouer thẽ a godly Prince, they may euery one in their callings walke in al true & humble obedience vnto her, in the &

for thee, without resistance, tumultes, insurrections, conspiracies, rebellions, knowing that to resist the higher powers, is to rebell against thy Deitie. Finally we beseech thy goodnes so guide & governe the hartes of al the whole Realme of every degree, & every one in his calling, being by thy grace supported, may so occupy his talent, that thy glorie in all thinges may be advaunced, thy Church enlarged, and this whole Realme into sincere godlynes perfectly reduced.

Moreover we beseche thee (O Lord our God) in mercy behold all those which suffer persecution for thy glorious woordes sake, whether it be imprisonment, death, or banishment, or whatsoever els, strengthen them good Lord, that they hauing thee always before their eyes, & the glory layd up for them in the lyfe to come, may continue constant in defending thy truth, without feare of man or vaine allurementes of the worlde, that whether it come by lyfe or death, they may glorifie thy holy name in continuing in the truth to the end. Preserue in lyke manner we beseech thee, al others thy children, whom it hath pleased thee with any other kinde of crosse to chastē for their amendment, whether by pestilence, famine, warr, poverty, imprisonment, sickness or banishment, trouble

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of conscience, vexation of spirit, vnquietnes of mind, want of spiritual comfort, or what soeuer kinde of affliction of body or minde thou seest fit for them: with pray the holy spirit worthily assured that thou by this thy correction intendest to call them back to a feeling of their sin, & due consideration of their life & conuersation; that they may patiently abide thy fatherly triall, looking for ayd, help and comfort from thee, when it seemeth most conuenient to thy godly wisedome: & being by thy mercyful hand once deliuered, may acknowledge thy singuler power and worke, geuing all laude and prayse to thy glorious name, and afterwards all the dayes of their life walke before thee in sincerity and perfit holynes euen to their liues end. Amē

## A Morning praier for priuate houses and Families.

O Glorious God and louing Father, according to thy commaundement we do here present our selues before thy Maiesty. Humbly prostrating our selues before thy throne of mercy, acknowledging and confessing from the bottome of our hartes that we be miserable synners, dayly breaking thy commaundement, both in thought, worde, & deede, wherin we iustly deserue euerlasting

damnation, & to be vtterly throwa from thy presence: Yet O Lorde, we se thy goodnes againe towards vs, in that not suffering vs thus to perish in our sins, hast sent thine owne deare sonne Iesus Christ, to take vpon him what soeuer is due, to reconcile and make vs at one with thee againe. In him therfore good Lord, and through him do we come vnto thee, beseching thee for his sake, that we feeling the greuousnes of our sins and groning vnder the burthē of them, may fele the release and ease of them, in such wise be thrown thy holy spirit assured, and stedfastly beleue, that Christ hath borne the burthen of them, euen so vnto vs. Graunt O Lord, that we being assured hereof in our conscience, may through thy holy spirit be renued in the inner man, to hate, detest and abhorr sin, and to study to liue according to thy blessed will during our whole life.

We do not only pray for our selues, but also for al thy whole Church, especially such as be persecuted for thy word, graunt vnto them, that whether it be by death or life, they may glorifie thy name to their liues ende. Be mercifull to this Church of England and Ireland we beseech thee good Lord, & preserue euery part and member of the same, especially thy Seruaunt Elizabeth our Queene:

Graunt

[illegible] her all such gifts as
[illegible] a calling, to the advan
[illegible] of this com[illegible]wealth, to
[illegible] establishing of a perfect gouernment of
thy Church, according to the prescript rule
of thy blessed word; to the rooting out of all
superstition and relicks of Antichrist, to the
governing of her Subiectes in all peace and
tranquility. Defend her O Lorde, from all
conspiracies, treasons, and rebellions, and
so worke in the hartes of all her Subiectes,
that knowing her autority doth come from
thy heauenly Maiesty, they may with obe-
dient harts humbly obey her in thee and for
thee. Preserue the whole Counsell and the
Magistrats of the Realme, that being light
ened through thy holy spirit, they may defend
thy truth, suppresse wickednes, and main-
taine equitie. Behold all the Pastours and
Preachers of the word, blesse their labours,
encrease the number of them, place ouer eue
ry Church a painfull watchman, remoue al
idle Rubbers, confound the power of Anti-
christ, and turne the hartes of the people that
they may be obedient to thy truth. Blesse
the two Vniuersities Cambridge & Oxford,
and all the Students of the same, with all
Schooles of learning. Behold al those that be
afflicted with any kinde of crosse, that they

y correction in vertues of

ladies here gathered toge-

ther, we ly prone at thy handes that

it would please thee to make vs thankfull vn-

to thy Maiestye, for all thy louing kindnes

shewed vnto vs, euen from our infancie, es-

specially that thou hast here present, vouch-

safed vs from al daungers both of body

and soule, wherevnto many haue fallen, as

we into lyke maner should haue done, if we

had not been stayed with thy mercifull

hand: that thou hast also graunted vnto vs

so sweete and comfortable rest, & hast now

presently brought vs to the beginning of this

day. For these thinges good Lord, we yeld

vnto thee most harty thanks, beseeching thee

to make vs more and more dayly thankfull

vnto thy Maiestye for them, pardon our vn-

thankfulnes. And as thou hast safely pre-

serued vs vnto this present hour from all

the daungers of this night, so we pray thee

continue thy fauour towards vs this day &

the whole course of our life. Defend (O

Lord) that we now entring into the affayres

to this day, be not drawen away with the

vaine allurements of this worlde to synne

and wickednes: That we walke not in the

shadowe of death, that we be not entangled

led in the snares of synne, that wee stum-
ble not at the blockes of iniquitye, that we
finally fall not into the pyt of death and
destruction: but being couered vnder thy
wynges, we may preciously & constantly go
on forward to the end of our course. Graunt
vnto vs O Lord our God, that this good time
which thou graunteste vnto vs in this lyfe,
be not lyke vs or vnto vs consumed, but
that euery one of vs may by diligently exer-
cised in his calling this day, and all our lyfe
long, being assured that thou wylt once call
vs to yelde an accompt of our stewardship.
Indue vs we beseech thee, with those giftes
and graces which be needefull for vs in our
calling, that with a pure and sincere con-
science we may profyte to the benefit of
our brethren, and discharge of our own con-
science before thy Maiestie. We beseech thee
O Lord, that in all our consultations, works
and workes this day, & the whole course of
our lyfe, we may alwayes haue thee present
before our eyes, knowing that thou seest euen
the very thoughts of our harts, which
alwaies may be as a bryde to pull vs backe,
that we neuer do, nor yet consent vnto a-
ny lyke wickednes, but that alwaies we
may be so exercised in the affaires of thys
life, that we may runne to the end of our course,

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when it shal please thee to bring vs through the pilgrimage of this life to our euerlasting rest with thy deare sonne Iesus Christ our sauiour. In whose name for these mercies & whatsoeuer thou knowest to be needeful for vs & for the whole Church, we pray vnto thee as he himselfe hath taught vs in his holy word, saying: Our father which art. &c.

The Lord blesse vs and saue vs, the Lord make his face to shine vpon vs, & be mercyful vnto vs, the Lord turne his fauourable countenaunce toward vs, and graunt vs his peace. The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, the loue of God the Father, and the most comfortable fellowship of the holye Ghost be with vs, preserue and kepe vs thys day and euermore. Amen.

## ¶ Euening praier for priuate houses and Families.

O Gracious God and louyng Father. &c. As in the beginning of the Morning prayer, reading so forth tyll ye come to this marke, ✝ ✝ Then reade this folowing for the Euening.

Lastly, for our selues here gathered, we render most harty thanks to thy Maiesty, O Lord, which hast hetherto from our infancy preserued vs by thy mercy from all perils & daungers both of soule and body, whereunto

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fraile man is subiect, that thou hast sent vn-
to vs all things necessary for this present life
as health, foode, apparel, and such like, which
many of thy deare children do want, being
notwithstanding as pretiously bought with
the precious bloud of thy deare sonne, as we
be, and yet lye in misery and calamitie, op-
pressed with pouertie, nakednes, imprison-
ment & banishment, in which case also deare
father thou mightest haue brought vs, saue
onely that thou dealest herein more fauour-
ably with vs, then with them. For the
which thy louing kindnes we geue thee har-
ty thankes, desiring thee, that as thou hast
hetherto thus fauorably in mercy preserued
vs by thy protection, and eue presently this
daye hast brought vs past all the daungers
thereof: so we beseech thee good Lord, in like
fauour behold vs this night, that we taking
our natural rest and quietnes may through
thy protection be defended, that our bodies
resting our soules may be occupied in behol-
ding thy fauour and mercy toward thy chil-
dren, euer looking for the coming of our Lord
and sauiour Iesu Christ for our full redemp-
tion. Graunt that our sleepe be not immode-
rate, according to the lust of our flesh, but as
much as is sufficient to refresh our weake
nature: That being thus refreshed, both the

body

body and the mynde may be moue able to do
their seuerall office and function, in that vo-
cation wherein thou hast placed vs. Graunt
that we laying our bodies downe to rest, may
be thereby put in minde of our long rest of
death: that as we do now lay downe our bo-
dies in bed, so we may be therby admonished
that hereafter they shall be layde downe in
graue, to be consumed to dust, earth & ashes,
from whence they were taken: That we
hauing this before our eyes, may be stirred
vp in mynde warely to walke in this our
pilgrimage, not knowing when the time
shalbe of our departure, but alwayes to be
found ready with our lampes of pure faith
clearely burning, that we may be accepted
to meete the Bridegroome, when our mortal
earthly, and corruptible bodies shalbe made
like to the glorious body of our Lord & sauiour
our Christ Jesu, there to raigne with him
in perpetual ioy & consolation together with
all the elect children of God, continually sing-
ding with all the heauenly multitude the
glorious Maiesty of thee our Lord God and
heauenly father, in our Lord & sauiour Jesu
Christ. For these and whatsoeuer els thou
knowest to be needeful for vs and the whole
Church, we praye vnto thee as he himself
hath taught vs saying: Our father, &c.

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The Lord bleſſe vs and ſaue vs: the Lord
make his face to ſhine vpon vs, & be merci-
full vnto vs: The Lord turne his fauourable
countenance toward vs, and graunt vs his
peace. The grace of our lord Jeſus Chriſt, &
the loue of God the father, & the moſt comfortable
fellowſhip of the holy Ghoſt be with vs, pre-
ſerue & keepe vs this night & euermore. Amē

## A prayer to be ſaid before the ſtuding or reading of holy Scripture.

O heauenly father, whatſoeuer I am,
or whatſoeuer I haue, whatſoeuer I
ſhall be, it is onely by thy free grace. For
by nature I am the childe of wrath, & I am
not able of my ſelfe of flesh and blood, neyther
of the power of mine owne, nor of the wyll of man.
Flesh & blood cannot reueale the miſteries
of thy heauenly kingdom vnto me: But by
thy diuine wyll I am that I am, and by the
ſame grace I that I know. Therefore O fa-
ther, do I commit my ſelfe into thy hands onely, my
ſaluation. For my knowledge be ſmall, yet I
doubt nothing but that I am the child of thy
euerlaſting kingdome, and therefore by thy
mighty power I ſhall grow (when it ſhalbe
thy good wyll and pleaſure) to a more full and
ripe knowledge, as of a more perfect age,
wherein my faith ſhal be fully able to com-
prehend

pitheth and pereeiue the breadth, deauth
heigth and largenes of thy great mercies
gracious promises. But seing, O father, thi
power of ful knowledge & perfect reuelati
passeth al power natural, & remaineth one
ly in thy power, and the light of thy spiri
O Lord do thou whatsoeuer it shall plea
thee, to open vnto me and all the rest of thin
elect seruants and children, depending vpo
thee, so much of the light of thy countenanc
as may be most for thy glory & our comfor
yea and at such tyme as shall seeme good
thy wisedome and fatherly mercy. In th
meane while thus resting wholy vpon thee
neither can I despaire, neither wyll I be to
much careful, although I cannot attaine to
the knowledge of many of thy workes, nei
ther to the vnderstanding of many places o
thy scriptures. But I will confesse vnto thee
the weakenes of my faith, waighting al
waies for the further reuealing of thy glo
rious light to be vttered vnto me thy poore
seruant, when thou shalt thinke (of thy fa
therly benevolence & goodnes) meete & con
uenient. I knowing most assuredly y thou
wilt pity my weake imbecilitye and childish
infancy, and cause the same to serue for thy
glory, and my great cõmodity: Seing that
I erre as a childe before such a father, which

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canst not put of thy fatherly pity & compassiō, but rather as thou hast bought me vnto thee, to be an heire of the kingdome by the blood of thy naturall sonne my saviour Jesus Christ: so am I sure that thou wilt lighten me in the end with ful fruition of the bright light of thy countenance, that I may see thee & know thee as this thy sonne knoweth thee. Yea see thee and know thee my father face to face, & know as I am knowen. Thus rest I onely in thy hands) O my God (craving of thee to encrease my knowledg in thy holy word, whereby I may know thy good will and pleasure. And knowing the same, geue me O Lord thy holy spirit to conduct & leade me in the same all the dates of my life, in sincerity of faith, & pureties of liuing & conuersatiō, thy glorious Maiesty may be magnified in me for euer. Graunt this O Father, for thy dearely beloued sonne our saviour Jesus Christ, to whom with thee & the holy Ghost be all honor, glory & praise, world without end.

Amen.

¶ Praiers and thanksgeuings to be sayd before and after meate.

¶ Prayer before meate.

O Lord our God and heauenly Father, in thy beloued sonne Jesus Christ worke in our harts true repentance, with increase

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in a true & liuely faith, make vs thankfull vn-
to thy Maiesty for all thy benefits which we
continually receiue at thy mercifull hand:
Graunt vs the grace y we may at this pre-
sent with thankfull harts as from thy hands
receiue meate & drinke for the sustenance of
our body, with moderation vse them to thy
glory, & through thy blessing receiue by the
perfect nourishment. And aboue all we praie
at thy hands good Lord, the heauenly foode of
our soules which neuer perisheth: y through
thy gracious goodnes we may be nourished &
strengthened both in soule & body to eternal
life, through Iesus Christ our saulour. Amē

¶ Thankesgeuing after meate.

ETernal God, & merciful father, we yeld
vnto thee most harty thankes for all thy
benefites so plentifully bestowed vpon vs:
Especially y thou hast at this present fed &
norished our mortal bodies with meate and
drinke: We beseche thee in like maner let
our soules taste the sweete taste of thy hea-
uenly foode, that we being fed and nourished
at thy hands both in soule and body may in
this life walke as becommeth thy children,
and in the life to come to be receiued to thy
eternal kingdome of glory, through Iesus
Christ our Lord and Sauiour. Amen.

¶ Prayer before meate.

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O Merciful & heauenly father, who geuest food to euery liuing creature, & without whom nothing can liue, bleſſe & ſanctify our meates & drinkes, which we are now about to receiue, y they may turne to the nourishment of our bodies, whereunto thou haſt appointed them, y we acknowledging thy gracious goodnes in prouiding ſo liberally for our bodies, may with cheareful harts be lifted vp earneſtly to long after the food of our ſoules, whereby we may be fed eternally, through Ieſus Chriſt our Sauiour. Amen.

A Thankeſgeuing after meate.

O Heauenly father, for theſe thy benefites wherwith thou haſt now ſufficiently fed our bodies, we beſeech thee make vs thankfull: And as we feele the ſweetenes of them pleſant to our bodies, ſo we beſech thee good Lord that the food of our ſoules may be as pleaſant and comfortable vnto our ſoules, & that we may with as careful harts prouide for the nourishment of our ſoules as we are carefull for our bodies, tyll it ſhal pleaſe thy Maieſty to bring vs to y place where we ſhal neuer hunger nor thirſt more, but liue eternally through Chriſt our Sauiour. Amen.

A Prayer before meate.

O Lord our God & heauenly father which haſt prouided meate & drinke for nourishment

reshment of our bodies, giue vs grace to vse them reuerently as from thy handes with thankful hartes. And as we do greatly hunger and thirst for this fode of our bodies, so we beseech thee good Lord, that our soules maye earnestly hunger after the fode and nourishment thereof, that with as earnest mindes we may seke to haue our soules fed and refreshed eternally, through our onely Lord and sauiour Iesus Christ. So be it.

¶ Thankesgeuing after meate.

WOnderfull is thy prouidence O Lord, in preseruing al liuing creatures. Graunt vs grace we beseech thee, that with thankful hartes we may acknowledge thy bountiful goodnes, so liberally geuig vnto vs al things nedeful: especially feedyng vs so plentifully at this present with thy manifold blessings whereof a great many of our brethren are destitute, as in lyke maner we should be, if thou didst not deale more liberally with vs. Graunt vs therefore gracious Lord, that we may be thankfull for thys thy goodnes, and to be mindfull of them which haue not such aboundance to relieue them. That beyng all members of one body, we may at length raigne with our head Christ, to whom be all honor and glory worlds without end. Amen.

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